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COTTON GOES DOWN \$5 IN THE BALE—BIG SLUMP

Caused By European Struggles And Sluggishness of Market

BRIGHTER DAYS ARE COMING

New York, Aug. 17.—There was a break of \$5 to \$6 a bale in the cotton market today. The causes were increased nervousness over European conditions, reports of lower spot offerings in the South and a continued absence of trade demands.

Rumors that European importers had temporarily withdrawn buying orders were not confirmed but had an unsettled influence on the decline, which carried Oct. contracts off 2972, or 122 points below closing quotations of Sat.

The break in cotton extended to 29.65 cents a pound for October, or 129 points below Saturday's closing prices, and the market closed at lowest levels for the day with the active months of August and September showing nominal losses of 200 points.

THE LATEST TELEGRAPH DESPACHES

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

UNTIL FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Warsaw, Aug. 17.—Signs at the front Sunday indicated that the French are taking a more prominent part in guidance of Polish army. Gen. Weyman said responsible new tactics employed repulse invaders.

Columbus, Aug. 17.—Democratic convention met with Cox address further candidates expected set battle gauge for opponent and battle for home state.

Marion, Aug. 17.—Republican leaders conferred today on speaking schedules for Harding for next 6 weeks.

Nashville, Aug. 17.—Tennessee Legislature met today prepared for an extended debate on suffrage late in afternoon. Both sides are ready to fight and claiming victory.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 17.—Mississippi democrats voted for 5 candidates for congress in the primary today with the administration record as chief issue.

Mexico City, Aug. 17.—President Wilson today recognized the Mexican government if the latter agrees to terms of the proposal from Secretary Colby, according to a message sent President De la Huerta by Fernando Calderon the Mexican high commissioner to the U. S.

Excelsion says newspapers say that Colby's proposals are that North American lives and property be respected and that indemnity be paid to for-

THE COMMONWEALTH IS KEEPING PAGE

With Scotland Neck Although It Has Had It's Share of Knocks

SUB'BERS INCREASING FOR THE PEOPLE

For the information of those who do not already know, we wish to state that The Commonwealth since casting its lot among the daily papers of the state, has made progress along all lines, notwithstanding the fact that it has had its share of Knocks, bumps, etc., and the people who started in to knocking The Commonwealth, are now its staunchest supporters. We have tried at all times to give the people the best paper that was possible, and considering the drawbacks we have had, we consider that we have succeeded. Now dear reader, we don't expect you to get up and have a "conspicuous fit" when we make this statement. But there is really one fact worth considering, and that is did you ever stop to think that Scotland Neck is the only town of its size in the State of North Carolina that has a daily paper. If you have not just take this matter into consideration. Of course we have our shortcomings, and we dare say that it will be a hard matter to find one Perfect human being in the country.

Now dear reader, don't you think that it is your duty to support the hustling Commonwealth? If you do please let us have your subscription, and don't let us have to run you down for your past subscription. And right here we wish to thank the many readers and subscribers for their promptness in settling their accounts, as it takes money to run a newspaper—more than lots of people can imagine, and while we are not begging for anything we certainly would appreciate it if those who are in arrears in their subscription would come forward and pay up. We want to install some more up-to-date machinery and keep abreast of the times.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS SHOT IF DRUNK

Relief Worker Says Lenine Makes Volstead Act Look Like A Piker

CIVILIANS PUNISHED

Volstead is a piker compared to Lenine. When it comes to putting the screws on a supposedly free people the soviets of Russia have the Anti-Saloon League of America beaten to a pale-gleam finish.

Russia is twenty times as dry as America, even under Bolshevik rule. Here, anyone with the price can get and drink all he wants, despite the Eighteenth amendment and millions are doing it. Over there, however, there is no prohibition exactly, because drinks are openly sold in Russia, but just let a man get drunk and see what happens to him. If he's

GOV. COX A PROGRESSIVE IS SHOWN BY ACTS

His Record Justifies Confidence of the Country Says Sen. Owen

SENATOR IS CALLED DEPENDABLE STANDPATTER ALTHOUGH FAITHFUL TO OLD GUARD

Washington, Aug. 17.—Following a conference with Chairman George H. White, of the Democratic National Committee, at Washington, Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, one of the candidates for the presidential nomination before the San Francisco convention, issued the following statement:

"The best evidence the public could possibly ask with regard to the progressive character of the pending campaign are the progressive acts which characterize the past services of Governor Cox. He is not new convert.

"The test of modern progressive Democracy might be called the initiative and referendum, for which Gov. Cox fought when Ohio adopted its modern progressive constitution in 1912. Governor Cox fought for the initiative and referendum, and Western Democrats know what this means. It is the dividing line between those who are for the people and those who are for the special interests, because with the initiative and referendum the people can govern themselves and can get as good government as their intelligence justifies. The difference between Governor Cox and Senator Harding is the difference between day and night.

"I shall do my utmost to assist Governor Cox and the Democracy in this pending campaign, feeling that this is the very best way in which to serve the American people.

"The overwhelming body of Democrats are progressive and the Democracy is entitled, because of that fact, to public confidence. Men must be judged by their acts, and the record of the Democracy and Governor Cox's personal record justify the confidence of the country."

a soldier, he is shot; if he's a civilian, he's merely imprisoned for a year or two and fined a few thousand rubles.

This is the story told to the Near East Relief by Morris Shtooten, who has just returned to the U. S. after five years in the Near East, four of them spent in the South Russia city of Lugansk. During the past year he has been engaged in the activities of the Near East Relief in the Caucasus.

"If a soviet soldier gets drunk he is shot immediately," Shtooten declared. "The penalty for civilians is not quite so severe. They are sent to jail and are kept there for a time. Before they are released they have to pay a heavy fine."

POLISH WAR UNITES RUSSIA

Shtooten, whose home is in Far Rockaway, had taken his wife on a trip to Russia for her health when the world war broke out, marooning him in Lugansk. He formerly had worked in a foundry in Akron, O., so he obtained a job in the locomotive factory in the Russian city. He remained there after the Bolsheviks seized control.

SOVIETS HOLD ON THE GATEWAY HAS BEEN BROKEN

General Pilsike Directed The Effective Counter Stroke

THE RUSSIANS ARE RETREATING

NEW YORK WORLD GIVES ANALYSIS HARDING'S RECORD

Senator Is Called Dependable Standpatter Although Faithful To Old Guard

STRADDLING TACTICS

Washington, Aug. 17.—After a thorough analysis of Senator Harding's record in the United States Senate, the New York World characterizes the Republican nominee as a "dependable standpatter," who "followed Penrose, Lodge and Wall street's defenders." He "upheld the armor-plate factories which Secretary Daniels charged were conspiring to rob the Government and championed the 'wizards of iron and steel' as national benefactors. The Senator spoke against prohibition but voted for it and criticized woman suffrage but was recorded in favor of the proposed amendment," concludes the headlines.

The World's story reflects the Senator's "straddling" tactics, and the following introduction to the World article, summarizing his record, shows his complete subservency to Lodge, Penrose and the "Old Guard" interests:

"Senator Warren G. Harding cannot draw on his record in the Senate for much to inspire enthusiasm in his candidacy. There are no brilliant spots in his service there. He followed the lead of the shining lights of the Old Guard, dominated by Senators Boise Penrose of Pennsylvania, Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, and Reed Smoot of Utah.

"No bit of legislation bears Mr. Harding's name. No striking speech marked him for remembrance. For nearly six years he has been a plodder among plodders. At times he made attacks on the President or members of the Cabinet; apparently to his mind no good could come out of the Wilson administration.

soviet Russia and Imperial Russia," he said, "is a difference in who wields the ax. The present regime is just as autocratic as was the old with only the difference that now there is no real government. I was born in Russia, and lived there until I was 35 years old.

"Russia is united at present because the Russians hate the Poles. But when the war is over I feel sure that the soviet government will be replaced by a democracy. General Denikine would have succeeded if he had carried out his pledge of amnesty to everyone, even those who had been active in soviet circles. But he didn't."

Warsaw, Aug. 17.—Russian soviets hold on the gate ways of Warsaw broke according to the allied offices here. Polish counter offensive in full sway in various points and Russians falling back in confusion. Polish communique says there are on Warsaw is retreated the counter stroke.

PEN PICTURE OF GOVERNOR COX

Height—Five feet eight inches. Weight—One hundred and sixty pounds. Carriage—Well poised.

Features—Head well shaped; face ordinarily somewhat stern but relaxes often; complexion clear and somewhat tanned from golf; eyes, bluish gray, with tiny wrinkles appearing at the corners, whenever he smiles; forehead, moderately high and very slightly receding, hair, dark sandy and touched with gray at the temples.

Manner—Serious but genial and friendly; grasps hand firmly and has habit of holding handclasp when meeting new acquaintances and sizing up strangers with his eyes; has a keen appreciation of a funny story and has a mental library of yarns applicable to almost any situation; smokes a pipe. His physician, Dr. C. W. King, says: "He is well nourished. Nutritive functions normal. Is not nervous. Perspective faculties logical. Imperturbable and not disturbed by things that upset ordinary men."

Dress—Usually wears gray suits, tan low shoes, dark socks and two-inch turn down collars; wears nose glasses, no jewelry.

Speech—Talks directly and sometimes turns on questions with disconcerting questions of his own when pressing home a point his eyes snap with determination—New York World.

FINE MEETING IN TILLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. B. A. Bowers of Knoxville, Tenn. is assisting the pastor, Rev. Mr. Wilcox of the Tilley Baptist Church this week up to and including Saturday evening.

Dr. Bowers is assisted in these evangelistical services by Prof. Petree, also of Knoxville, and he is delighting his hearers with his unusually fine singing.

Dr. Bowers, whose reputation is country-wide as an effective gospel preacher, will preach at eleven o'clock in the morning and at eight o'clock in the evening.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend these services.

Don't blow up a storm when the wife asks you for ten bucks to spend, brother. Like ours, if she had not married she might have money of her own.

Cossacks and Bolsheviks have turned Shtooten's hair gray. He said

"I had a few gray hairs when I left the United States, but not as many as I have now."